
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF THE

BOARD OF CANFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

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Meeting held on October 21, 2020 at 8:32 A.M.

Canfield Township Trustees held a special regular meeting in the Canfield Township Hall on Wednesday, October 21, 2020. The meeting was opened at 8:32am by Chairman Brian Governor. The legal advertisement for this meeting ran in *The Vindicator an edition of the Tribune Chronicle* on October 16, 2020 as required by the Ohio Sunshine Law.

In as much as these meetings are recorded, these minutes are to provide information of the most salient points, and not intended to describe all conversations and testimony verbatim. Recordings of most meetings are available for listening to in the Township Hall, and a copy may be obtained upon request from the Fiscal Officer.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION

The Board heard from Dave Wilkeson, 4641 Canfield-Niles Road, President of Canfield Local Schools and Don Hutchison, 20 Canterbury Court, Chief of the Cardinal Joint Fire District (CJFD). They each expressed a desire for the Township to consider sub-granting some of the CARES Act funding it received to their respective organization.

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

The Chairman requested that Denise M. Joseph, Fiscal Officer, call the attendance roll:

Mr. Paloski	present (virtual)
Mr. Governor	present
Ms. Cartwright	present

Also present was Township Administrator/Road Superintendent Keith Rogers, and Assistant Fiscal Officer Carmen Heasley.

The Board placed a phone call to Stacie Massey, Senior Financial Manager of Ohio Grants Partnership regarding the CARES Act funds, for clarification and guidance on how reimbursements can be used legally. The conversation focused on recent changes to the CARES Act and House Bill 481 that states Townships can now reimburse for safety services through an administrative accommodation granted by the US Treasury. In the case of the Township, this could be a reimbursement of up to \$250,000 to the Township's General Fund because of its agreement with the Mahoning County Sheriff Department to provide 24/7 policing services. In addition, there were discussions about the pros and cons of sub-granting and the purchasing of equipment and an ambulance.

In regards to the CARES Act funding and the purchase of a new ambulance, Mr. Paloski stated there is a fine line between advocating for funding and demanding it. He went on to state that he was deeply concerned with the misinformation from emails initiated by Chief Hutchinson then perpetuated by Cardinal Joint Fire Board members, Mr. Bestic and Trustee Cartwright, about the possible Sheriff's contract reimbursement with CARES Act funds. He stated that the emails somehow concluded in what manner he was going to vote on the \$250,000 safety services reimbursement even though he did not and had to clarify with his own email to the CJFD Board. Mr. Paloski read parts of the referenced emails and stated how he was deeply concerned with the way the Cardinal Joint Fire District leadership acted in this situation.

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Trustee Cartwright stated that she took great exception and was very much offended by Mr. Paloski's comments and she thought that the Cardinal Joint Fire District Board members in their emails were stating their feelings very clearly and she felt that she did nothing but state the facts of what was happening on the township side.

Mr. Governor read a personal statement in favor of reimbursing the Township \$250,000 for safety services and other costs attributed to protecting the Township due to the COVID-19 pandemic in accordance with the guidance provided. Mr. Governor stated he would be in favor of sub-granting to the Cardinal Joint Fire District and Canfield Local Schools with the remaining CARES Act funds that would be available.

The remainder of the meeting, the Board reviewed the 2020 budget; coming one step closer to balancing the budget by the end of the year. A resolution was passed for the 2020 permanent budget.

RESOLUTION ZONING 2020-10-21-155 2020 Permanent Budget

Mr. Governor moved to approve the 2020 Permanent Budget; Anticipated Total Revenue of \$2,418,684.72 with Total Carry Over Balance of \$4,717,786.98 for a Total Anticipated Revenue of \$7,136,471.70. Total Anticipated Appropriations of \$2,587,545.97. Ms. Cartwright seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Paloski, yes; Mr. Governor, yes; Ms. Cartwright, yes.

Next Meeting Date(s): The Board will have a regular meeting on October 27, 2020 at 7:00pm, with a vote to reimburse the Township's General Fund for the Sheriff's Contract expenses with CARES Act money and a special regular budget meeting on October 30 at 8:30am to focus on the 2021 temporary budget. The Meetings are scheduled to be at the Township Hall but could be changed to a virtual meeting, however, they will be advertised appropriately

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business before the Board, Chairman Governor adjourned the meeting at 12:55am.

Mr. Brian W. Governor, Chairman

Mr. Joseph N. Paloski, Vice-Chairman

Ms. Marie Izzo Cartwright, Trustee

Mrs. Denise M. Joseph, Fiscal Officer

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